



LANDSLIDE IN CANADA

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DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

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BUCKINGHAM, Quebec, April 27.—Half the little French hamlet of Notre Dame de Salette, 16 miles from here on the Lievre River, disappeared yesterday under a sliding mountain, and some 30 of its small population are known to have perished. The hamlet has no telephone or telegraph facilities, nor is it on a railroad. Meagre bits of news of the disaster come in by messenger from the physicians and other rescuers who were hurried there from the first call for aid came early this morning.

The River Lievre winds at the foot of the hamlet, and a mountain towers behind. Sping rains for days have been melting snow and ice on the mountain side and streams have been coursing down the river. At 5 o'clock this morning, just as the little hamlet began to stir for early mass, part of the mountain started to slide toward the river. It tore a path of death and destruction in its way and those who were not killed when their homes were engulfed were left buried in the mass of rock and earth.

Camille Lapointe's house stood first in the path of the avalanche. He and his family of 11 are known to have perished. Eight others, whose names have not been obtained, are missing, and the rescuers are attempting to find definitely how many more are missing. Mrs. Des Jardin's cottage also was swept away, and she, with her two children, a domestic and a hired man are known to be buried in the landslide.

De Salette, like many hamlets of its kind, rambles into the gardens and little fields on the mountain side, so about half of it was not in the path of the slide. The sliding mass rushed with a roar and spread out all over the place and dumped itself in the swollen stream at its foot.

Cut off from the outside world, messengers were dispatched to Houpre, the nearest hamlet. Those who arrived first estimated that at least a dozen houses were crushed in the path of the landslide. Buckingham was appealed to, but the flight of the messengers, across the Spring roads was slow. Those first on the scene found De Salette in a panic, with the uninjured ones packing their belongings for flight.

The first messengers to Buckingham, ordered 25 coffins to be sent to De Salette and all physicians of the town were hurried across the country with rescue parties.

MODERNIZING LAWS.

Chinese Government Busy on Measures of Reform.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—The most significant feature in the awakening of China, and what promises to be the most potent factor in raising the empire to the level of great western nations, is found in the earnest-

ness with which the government is pursuing its policy of general education," said Mr. E. T. Williams, the newly appointed consul general to Tientsin, who arrived here last night.

The laws of the land are being modernized to abolish extra territorial jurisdiction. A general codification of the laws, making them to harmonize more with the international laws of the occidental nations, is being rapidly pressed by a special mission. Lawyers are being admitted to practice. Trial by jury is being introduced and schools of law are being established. The only system of combining judicial and administrative functions in one person is being abolished.

Mr. Williams, who has been in the orient for 21 years, is on his way to take over his post, having been appointed on March.

PROPOSALS ASKED.

Government to Build Twelve Steel Tug Boats.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Proposals for the construction of 12 steel tug boats, 100 feet long, for service in the coast artillery districts, have been invited by the quartermaster general of the army. These boats will be slightly larger than those heretofore built for these purposes, possessing among other characteristics living quarters for the full crew.

JUGGLED THE BOOKS

Conclusions From Correspondence of Steel and Ross

TRACED VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

When the Investigators Discovered That the Home Security & Investment Co. Was Represented, They Concluded They Knew Enough.

PORTLAND, April 27.—Behind an entry of \$4148 on the trust ledger of the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, under date of June 6, 1907, the day following the segregation of the educational account of the State of Oregon on the books of the institution, may, in the opinion of investigators, lie an explanation of the relations really existing between George A. Steele, State Treasurer, and J. Thorburn Ross, president of the company.

Considering the item in the light of other entries and various debit and credit accounts, as well as checks and deposit slips and the correspondence between Steele and Ross, Attorney W. C. Bristol, who represents the state relative to receivership proceedings, and Governor Chamberlain formed certain conclusions. Their deductions were aligned in every particular with those made by Ben W. Oleott and J. W. Ferguson, the expert accountants, who devoted much of their time while investigating the bank's affairs to throwing light on this phase of the situation.

Three per cent was paid by the Title Guarantee & Trust Company on check accounts. That the educational fund of the state was deposited in the bank by Treasurer Steele as a check account is undisputed; in fact, the defense during the trial of Ross at Salem was founded on the theory that in view of court decisions this procedure was lawful and proper. It is a peculiar fact that \$4148 lacks only 89 cents of being the exact amount of interest on \$69,148, the average of daily balances of the state accounts with the bank from January 15, 1907, until June 5, 1907, at 3 per cent for two years. Mr. Steel took office January 14, 1907, and the educational account by his order was segregated by the bank June 5, 1907. His term of office was for four years. The amount of \$4148 was credited to him June 6, 1907.

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LIVING, FOOD AND SHELTER

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DEATH LIST IS NOW KNOWN

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NEW ORLEANS, April 27.—With 325 newly made graves distributed broadcast over nearly the entire width of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, the dead of Friday's tornado have been mostly cared for tonight and it was possible to state with some degree of accuracy that the death list of the three states will not exceed 350. A few who may be added to the list, and the fatalities are possibly as many as a score out of the 200 of the most seriously injured. The remaining injured numbering about 1000 were reported on the road to recovery. The most serious problem now confronting the devastated region is that of living, food and shelter.

traced through the various accounts, the experts found the way the account actually stood to be in this wise: Cash actually advanced for the purchase price of the property in the Couch addition, \$11,852; credited to George A. Steel, \$4148; total, \$16,000. This is the amount of the debit given, causing the whole to balance to a nicety, and convinced the officials, at least, that there was jugglery somewhere.

In addition, the deposit slip shows that June 7, \$4148 was deposited to the credit of the Home Security & Investment Company by George A. Steel personally. When the investigators discovered that the company was represented by 50 shares of stock, of which Mrs. Steel held 49 and Steel only one, they concluded that they had learned enough. So Mr. Steel was questioned.

At first, it is reported, he denied all knowledge of the item of \$4148. When it was drawn to his attention that it represented within 89 cents of the exact interest at 3 per cent for two years, his term of office, on \$69,148, the average of daily balances of state deposits in the Title bank from January 15, the day he took office, until June 5, on which date, by his order, the educational fund of the state was segregated by the bank, he became vehement in his protestation that he did not know of the transaction. Then his own deposit slip for the amount on the same day was shown him, and with tears in his eyes he said that his memory was poor and he could not explain how the amount got on the books, that he certainly remembered nothing about making such a deposit.

FLOTILLA COMING.

SAN DIEGO, April 27.—At 9 o'clock tonight Point Loma wireless station was in communication with the Arcthusa, the "mother ship" of the flotilla. Message received was somewhat vague but the general idea conveyed is that the flotilla is due to arrive here in a few hours.

WALDORF ASTORIA POPULAR.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Nearly 19,000 persons passed into the Waldorf-Astoria on Saturday. The exact figures were recorded by eight men each provided with a counting device. Since the opening of the hotel no record has been kept of the throngs which often packed its extensive corridors. The experiment showed that exactly 18,965 persons entered the hotel at the eight entrances between 6 a. m. Saturday and 1 a. m. yesterday.

SHOOTING SCRAPE.

Negro Mix-up, Two Killed by Constable's Guns Being Discharged.

FORT WORTH, Texas, April 27.—At Gilmer, Texas, Saturday night, Ben Holland, a negro, while intoxicated, shot and killed his sister, Jennie Marible. A crowd of several hundred negroes gathered and was preparing to lynch him when Constable Cumbee, carrying a double-barreled shotgun, appeared and attempted to disperse the crowd. Instead of dispersing, the mob closed in on the officer, who clubbed his gun and started to fight his way out with his prisoner. In the struggle that ensued, both barrels of the constable's gun were discharged, Josephine Mitchell and an unknown man being instantly killed.

AFTER THE TORNADO

Reports of Serious Flood Conditions in Georgia

RIVER RISES FOOT AN HOUR

In Alabama the Rain of Yesterday Was the Heaviest in Years—Frightened Negroes Are Flocking Into Fort Deposit From All Around.

ATLANTA, April 27.—All reports today indicate that the wind storm which rolled up a death list of nearly 400 and a list of injured of about 1200 during the last four days has passed north. Careful canvass seems to make the death list 376 for the States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, with Georgia the least sufferer. The dead in this state will number not more than 30. The property damage in all four states is considerable.

The storm was peculiar that it traveled in circles. Yesterday it struck Georgia with terrific force a second time.

Devastation by wind was followed today by reports of serious flood conditions in parts of Georgia. Columbus, Ga., on the Alabama line, is the chief sufferer, according to early reports. The Chattahoochee River at that point is rising a foot an hour, the power house supplying the city with light is partly submerged, factories near the river have been forced to suspend operations and the streets have been stopped. Two steamboats were torn from their moorings today and have gone down the river.

In Alabama the rain of yesterday was the heaviest of years. Frightened negroes are flocking into Fort Deposit from all country districts. The latest reports of the storm of Friday and Saturday of last week come from Northern Mississippi and parts of Alabama. Alencon, a small town, reported 15 dead last night and this report is confirmed this morning.

JURY STILL INCOMPLETE.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—The beginning of the fourth week in the work of selecting 12 men to try Abe Ruef finds the jury still incomplete. With nine men in the jury box this morning, two were passed today, subject to the peremptory challenge. Each side has one challenge left.

TURNED AWAY FROM HOUSE

Secretary Latta Could Not Deliver Message

A SNARL OF MOTIONS

It Was With an Eye to Political Capital That the House Proceeded Throughout Day

FILIBUSTER MAY CONTINUE

That it Was Not Delaying the Business Was Evidenced by the Fact That the Supply Bills Were Further Along Than Usual.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The keyed-up house rules to meet the Democratic filibuster reacted and shut out the message President Roosevelt had prepared and planned to have read in that body today. It was found impossible to untangle the snarl of motions to get the house out of a committee of the whole and back into the same committee and also to recess and finally to cover the point of no quorum long enough to have the President's message received, much less read. His secretary, Mr. Latta, who waited for an hour in the corridor, was turned away with the message under his arm and made his way to the Senate.

It was with an eye to political capital that the house proceeded throughout the day. The little that was accomplished was made the vehicle for political discussion. A resolution was passed authorizing a newspaper print of the investigation, but not until the expediency of that discussion had been discussed. Williams characterized it as method of delay while the Republican speakers maintained it was in good faith and that the report would be made at the present session should the Democratic filibuster permit the members of that committee to do their work. The sundry civil appropriation bill was taken up and three of the eight hours decided on for the general debate were used.

Before adopting the special rule, which provides for the considering and passing of the sundry civil bill after eight hours of debate, the house today listened to Williams, the minority leader, in the explanation of filibuster which he is conducting. Filibuster, he said, will end the moment the house gives permission for the consideration of a campaign of the publicity bill, the bill to put print paper on the free list and the anti-injunction bill.

These measures Williams insisted were all a part of the President's legislative program. Every roll call which is taken is only for emphasis, which the country understands, of the lack of action by the Republican majority. The filibuster, Williams said, in conclusion, would continue until the desired result was accomplished. That it was not delaying the business was evidenced by the fact the supply bills were further along than usual at this time in a long session.

NATIONAL RIFLE MATCH.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Candidates for the rifle teams to represent the infantry and cavalry arms in the national match at Camp Perry, Ohio, this year are being provisionally selected with a view to preliminary practice. Candidates may be sent

from the Philippines or Cuba. Captain Wm. H. Hay of the Tenth Infantry on duty at the Pennsylvania College is to be captain of the cavalry team and Capt. Fred L. Musser of the Ninth Infantry, on duty at Fort Sam Houston, will be captain of the infantry. Lieut.-Col. B. K. Evans of the Fifth Infantry, on duty with the general staff, will be the executive of the meet.

BROWN CONFESSES.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—J. Dalzell Brown appeared before the grand jury this afternoon and made a complete confession. He will appear as a witness for the prosecution in May against William J. Barnett and James Treadwell, the former directors of the suspended California Safe Deposit Company. After making his confession he gave out a statement in which he said when he became manager of the institution about 10 years ago he found eight-tenths of its capital invested to the interests of the Treadwell's. Admitting that he did acts that were culpable, acts which he would never have done for himself, Brown declares that whatever he did was in the interest of the bank's depositors and directors and that personally he never profited one cent. Brown says that he can still be of further aid to the depositors and finally decided to accept his punishment worse than death that he might be able to tell his story and render aid to those who are interested in it.

OVERPOWERING VOTE

President's Four Battleship Program Failed in Senate

TWENTY-THREE VOTE FOR IT

Two Battleships Each Year Until the American Navy is Regarded Sufficient to Meet Any Demands Made Upon it is the Verdict.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—By an overwhelming vote President Roosevelt's four battleship program failed in the Senate today, just as it did in the House. An amendment for four battleships was introduced by Senator Piles and the fight for its adoption was led by Beveridge. Twenty-three votes were cast for the increased program, the number being largely made up of the recently elected Senators. Fifty voted to support the house and the recommendation of the Senate naval committee in the recommendation to build only two battleships.

The debate on the battleship amendment lasted three days to the exclusion of all other matters. It was begun by Beveridge with an eloquent appeal for support of the President and the suggestion that a larger navy might be needed for war. It was developed by Allison that during the debate there was a well defined understanding among the Senate leaders for the authorization of two battleships each year until the American navy is regarded as sufficient to meet any demands made upon it. As finally passed the bill carries appropriations aggregating \$123,115,659 and provides for the construction of two battleships and two colliers and the purchase of three additional colliers, construction of submarines, and other necessary craft and increase the pay for the officers and men as well as increasing both the pay and the strength of the marine corps.

BOAT UPSET.

Three Were Drowned and One Was Saved.

MUSKEGON Mich., April 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Willard Stone and Byrd Ward were drowned in Muskegon Lake last night. Their boat was overturned by the high waves. Miss Ethel Stewart clung to the boat and drifted a mile to the shore.